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REMARKS

Prior to the foregoing amendments, claims 1-11 and 22-35 were pending (it being understood from the Advisory Action of July 12, 2006, that the amendment filed July 5, 2006, has not been entered). With the cancellation of claims 5 and 35, claims 1-4, 6-11, and 22-34, are currently pending. Reconsideration of this application in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The notice of allowable subject matter in claims 5-7, 23, 24, 26-29 and 32 is gratefully appreciated. In an effort to place claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon in condition for allowance, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of objected-to claim 5, which has been cancelled. Since amended claim 1 now includes the subject matter of claim 5 (indicated to be allowable), it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, and claims 2-4, 6-11, and 22, dependent thereon, are in condition for allowance.

Similarly, objected to claim 23 has been placed in self-contained form by being amended to include the limitations of claim 1 and intervening claim 22. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 23, as well as claims 24-34, dependent thereon, are in condition for allowance.

In addition to the above discussed amendments, claim 1 has been amended to correct typographical errors, claim 2 has been amended to remove redundancy, claims 6, 23 and 34 have been amended to clarify that which is claimed, claims 23, 27, 29, 30, and 31 have been amended to correct antecedents, and

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claims 24, 25, 30, 31, 33 and 34 have been amended to correct dependencies.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered and would appreciate early and favorable reconsideration of the application.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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